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In re the Application of: **TSUCHIYA, Akihito**

Group Art Unit: 1744

Serial No.: **09/731,863**

Examiner: **William H. Beisner**

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For: **METHOD FOR PURIFICATION TREATMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1744**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 3, 2003**, extended to **November 3, 2003**, by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested: